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SUBJECT: STATUS OF ARRESTED WORKERS

REF: MATTHEWS- ISAACS TELECON OF AUGUST 10

1. THREE GROUPS OF WORKERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN RECENT WEEKS, TWO ALLEGEDLY FOR PASSING OUT "SUBVERSIVE" LITERATURE, AND ONE ALLEGEDLY FOR ATTACKING THE POLICE IN A DEMONSTRATION (GUATEMALA 4592). APPARENTLY ALMOST ALL OF THESE WORKERS HAVE NOW BEEN RELEASED.

2. SIX WORKERS FROM THE TOBACCO UNION TACASA WERE ARRESTED JULY 23 AND FOUR MORE ON JULY 25 FOR DISTRIBUTING "SUBVERSIVE LEAFLETS OF THE (LEFTIST) NATIONOAL LABOR CENTRAL (CNT)." THE LEAFLETS PTESTED THE DEATH OF LABOR LEADER MUJIA (GUATEMALA 4367) AND IMPLIED THAT THE MILITARY WERE INVOLVED. REPORTEDLY ALL THESE WORKERS HVE BEEN RELEASED.

3. ON JULY 28 SOME 40 TO 50 WORKERS OF THE ACRICASA FACTORY
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WERE JAILED. THE BUS THEY WERE RIDING IN WAS STOPPED BY THE POLICE AND THE WORKERS WERE CHARGED WITH TOSSING EGP (GUERRILLA) FLYERS FROM THE WINDOWS OF THE BUS. EVENTUALLY ALL BUT TWENTY WORKERS (THE LATTER ALL MEMBERS OF THE ACRICASA UNION) WERE RELEASED. THOSE DETAINED MAINTAIN THEIR INNOCENCE AND CLAIM THE FLYERS WERE PLANTED. LAWYERS HAVE FILED DOCUMENTS FOR THEIR RELEASE. AMONG

THE PRISONERS IS A YOUNG WOMAN WHO REPORTEDLY HAS HEART TROUBLE, AND A PREGNANT WOMAN. (NEWS REPORT NOW INDICATES THAT THE REMAINING ACRICASA WORKERS WERE RELEASED BY COURTS ON AUGUST 11.)

4. ON AUGUST 4 A NUMBER OF PERSONS WERE DETAINED IN CONNECTION WITH A DEMONSTRATION (GUATEMALA 4592). THE POLICE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ALL BUT ONE HAVE BEEN RELEASED. THE PORTEST SPONSOR, THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR LABOR UNITY (CNUS), MAINTAINS THAT SEVEN (WORKERS AND CAMPESINOS) ARE STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR AND PRESUMABLY IN JAIL.
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